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SUBJECT: IREX EXCHANGE CATHERINE COSMAN

FOR CU/EE; PASS IREX

1. DESPITE VISA GOOD UNTIL SEPTEMBER FIRST CATHY COSMAN HAS BEEN INFORMED BY OFFICIALS AT STATE INSTITUTE FOR CINEMATOGRAPHY THAT HER PERMIT WILL EXPIRE AFTER JULY FIRST AND THAT THE INSTITUTE CONSIDERS HER TERM OF STUDY TO BE COMPLETED ON THAT DATE. UP TO NOW COSMAN HAD ASSUMED ON BASIS OF VISA THAT SHE WOULD BE PERMITTED STAY AT INSTITUTE UNTIL FIRST OF SEPTEMBER. COSMAN HAS UNCOMPLETED ARCHIVAL WORK WHICH CANNOT BE COMPLETED BY JULY. OF TWENTY-THREE FILMS FROM ARCHIEVS CALLED FOR BY HER STUDY PLAN ONLY ONE HAS BEEN GIVEN HER SO FAR. PLAN CALLING FOR FILMS WAS COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED SOMETIME FEBRUARY. COSMAN THEREFORE ASKING FOR IREX EXTENSION UNTIL SEPTEMBER ONE. EMBASSY SUPPORTS REQUEST.

2. SUTTER CALLED MHE JUNE NINETEEN TO REQUEST THEY INSTRUCT GIK NOT LIFT COSMAN'S PASS ON JULY ONE. MHE ZASEDATL REPLIED THAT THERE IS NOTHING HE CAN DO, SINCE MATTER IS STRICTLY UP TO INSTITUTE AND GOSKINO AND THEY CONSIDER HER TEN MONTHS TO BE COMPLETED ON JULY ONE. WHEN TOLD THAT IREX MIGHT REQUEST EXTENSION ZASEDATL REPLIED IT TOO LATE AND THAT "NO ONE CAN HELP HER NOW."

3. AS IREX MAY BE AWARE COSMAN PLANNING TO MARRY SOVIET CITIZEN

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JULY TWENTY-TWO AND GIK'S ACTIONS AND MHE SUPPORT THOSE

ACTIONS NO DOUBT IN RETALIATION FOR INTENDED MARRIAGE.
EMBASSY WOULD RECOMMEND THAT IREX ASK MHE FACILITATE
HER ACCESS TO ARCHIVES CALLED FOR IN STUDY PLAN AND
REQUEST ADDITIONAL TIME IN WHICH TO PROPERLY USE ARCHIVES.
SINCE HER VISA GOOD UNTIL SEPTEMBER ONE AND COSMAN HAD
PLANNED ON THAT MUCH TIME FOR HER WORK REQUEST OF EXTENSION
TO COINCIDE PERIOD OF VISA LIFE SEEMS MOST NATURAL TACK.

4. FYI DEPT. AND IREX. SUTTER WILL ATTEMPT FIND TEMPORARY
NANNY POSITION FOR COSMAN OR FIND SOMEONE WILLING HAVE HER
AS GUEST FOR MONTH OF JULY IF EXTENSION REQUEST FAILS AS IT
MIGHT. HOWEVER FEEL THAT ON ACADEMIC GROUNDS HER REQUEST
JUSTIFIED EVEN THOUGH STRICTLY SPEAKING HER TEN MONTHS COMPLETED
BY JULY ONE AND NO PRIOR REQUEST FOR EXTENSION HAD BEEN MAE.
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